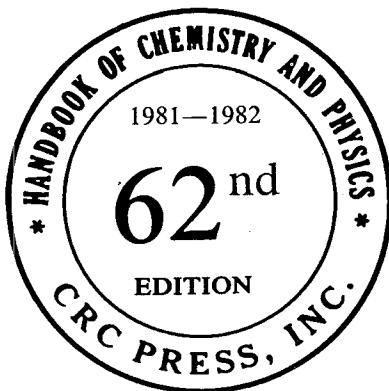


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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

[α]	specific rotation	flam	flammable	peth	petroleum ether
>	above, more than	fir	fluorescent	pk	pink ²
<	below, less than	fr	freezes	Ph	phenyl
?	unknown	fr. p.	freezing point	pl	plates
aa	acetic acid	fum	fuming	pr	prisms
abs	absolute	gel	gelatinous	Prak	J. Prak. Chem.
ac	acid	gl	glacial	purp	purple ²
Ac	acetyl	gold	golden	pw	powder
ace	acetone	gr	green ³	Py	pyrimidine
AFCL	Aliphatic Fluorine Compounds	gran	granular	pym	pyramids
al	alcohol ¹	gr	gray ³	rac	racemic
ALD	Aldrich Handbook of Organic Chemicals and Biochemicals	h	hot	rect	rectangular
alk	alkali	H	Helv. Chim. Acta	red	red
Am	J. Am. Chem. Soc.	hex	hexagonal	res	resinous
Am	amyl (pentyl)	HDOC	Heilbron Dictionary of Organic Compounds	rh	rhombic
amor	amorphous	hp	heptane	rhd	rhombohedral
anh	anhydrous	htng	heating	s	soluble
aqu	aqueous	hx	hexane	sc	scales
as	asymmetric	hyd	hydrate	sec	secondary
Atlas	Atlas of Spectral Data and Physical Constants for Organic Compounds	hyg	hygroscopic	sf	softens
atm	atmospheres	i-	insoluble	sh	shoulder
b	boiling	ign	ignites	silv	silvery
B	Beilstein	in	inactive	sl	slightly
Ber	Chem. Ber.	inflam	inflammable	so	solid
bipym	bipyramidal	infus	infusible	sol	solution
bk	black ²	irid	iridescent	solv	solvent
bl	blue ²	iso	isooctane	Solvents	Entries in this column in
BOSC	Bayant, et. al., Organosilicon Compounds ³	J	J. Chem. Soc.	medium type means soluble; entries in boldface means very soluble	
br	brown ²	JOC	J. Org. Chem.	sph	sphenoidal
bt	bright	KHOC	Kaufman Handbook of Organometallic Compounds	st	stable
Bu	butyl	L, l	levo ³	sub	sublimes
bz	Benzene	la	large	suc	supercooled
CAS	Chemical Abstracts	lf	leaf	sulf	sulfuric acid
c	percentage concentration	lig	ligroin	sym	symmetrical
ca	about (circa)	liq	liquid	syr	syrup
chl	chloroform	lo	long	ta	tablets
co	columns	lt	light	tcl	triclinic
col	colorless	m	melting	tert	tertiary
con	concentrated	m-	meta-	Tet	Tetrahedron
cor	corrected	M	molar (concentration)	THF	tetragonal
cr	crystals	M	Merck Index, 7th Edition	to	tetrahydrofuran
cy	cyclohexane	mcl	monoclinic	tr	toluene
d	decomposes	Me	methyl	trg	transparent
D	line in the spectrum of sodium (subscript)	met	metallic	undil	trigonal
D, d	dextro ³	micro	microscopic	uns	undiluted
δd	slight decomposition	min	mineral	unst	unsymmetrical
dil	diluted	mod	modification	v	unstable
diox	dioxane	mut	mutarotatory	vac	very
distb	distillable	n	normal chain, refractive index	var	vacuum
dk	dark	N	normal (concentration)	vap	variable
Dl, dl	racemic ³	N	nitrogen ⁵	vic	vapor
dlq	deliquescent	nd	needles	visc	vicinal
DMF	dimethyl formamide	o-	ortho-	volat	viscous
E	Elsevier's	oct	octahedral	vt	volatile or volatilises
eff	efflorescent	og	orange ²	w	violet ²
Et	ethyl	ord	ordinary	wh	water
eth	ether ⁴	org	organic	wr	white ¹
exp	explodes	orh	orthorhombic	wx	warm
extrap	extrapolated	p-	para-	ye	waxy
fl	flakes	pa	pale	xyl	yellow ²
		par	partial		xylene
		PCHE	Egloff Physical Constants of Hydrocarbons		

¹ Generally means ethyl alcohol.

² The abbreviation of a color ending in "sh" is to be read as ending with the suffix "-ish," e.g., grsh means greenish.

³ D, L generally mean configuration and d, l generally mean optical rotation, but there are many examples in the chemical literature for which the meaning of these symbols is ambiguous and/or interchangeable.

⁴ Generally means diethyl ether.

⁵ N indicates a position in the molecule.